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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES FUNDING FOR THIRD PHASE OF HIGHWAY 46 EAST WIDENING

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has approved \$47 million dollars for the construction of the third phase of widening Hwy. 46 East from just east of Almond Drive to just east of McMillan Canyon Road.

“The approval of these funds will allow us to continue our important work in widening Hwy. 46 East which will improve safety for everyone”, said Caltrans District 5 Director Rich Krumholz.

The funding for this project comes from Proposition 1B, a bond measure approved by California voters in 2006. “I am very pleased to hear that our effort to widen Hwy. 46 will continue and I am thankful to the CTC for their commitment to this corridor”, said San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Executive Director Ron DeCarli.

The third phase of widening Hwy. 46 East is expected to begin in late summer of 2012. Caltrans reminds motorists that ‘we’re here to get you there.’

For traffic updates on other state highways in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upslo.htm>

